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*2021 GAME NOTES*  
*GAME ONE:*  
*SPRINGFIELD*



# THE MATCHUP



**Saint Ignatius  
WILDCATS**

**at**



**Springfield  
WILDCATS**

**August 20, 2021  
Springfield Wildcat Stadium  
Kickoff: 7 p.m.**

## ***Saint Ignatius 2021 Schedule***

<b>Date</b>	<b>Opponent</b>	<b>Time/Score</b>
8/20	@ Springfield	7:00 p.m.
8/27	@ Mentor	7:00 p.m.
9/4	vs. Mount St. Joseph (MD)	1:00 p.m.
9/10	@ Euclid	7:00 p.m.
9/18	vs. Archbishop Hoban	7:00 p.m.
9/25	vs. River Rouge (MI)	4:00 p.m.
10/2	@ St. Edward	7:00 p.m.
10/9	@ Archbishop Moeller	4:00 p.m.
10/16	vs. St. Xavier	4:00 p.m.
10/23	vs. Clarkson Football North (ONT)	7:00 p.m.

### **MEDIA POLICIES**

- The press box and loges are for media, school administrators, and coaches only. Spectators will not be allowed to enter or use the press box or loges.
- No sideline passes will be administered. The sidelines will be for athletes, coaches, and trainers only.
- Media from credentialed outlets will be allowed to cover the game, standing in the end zones in a physically distanced manner. Media is not allowed on the sidelines.
- Media wishing to conduct postgame interviews must consult a member of the school's Athletic Department or Communications Department before doing so.

## **Team Information**

**Saint Ignatius High School: 0-0**  
OHSAA Division I, Region 1  
Head Coach: Chuck Kyle '69  
Record at School: 361-99-1  
Overall Record: 361-99-1

**Springfield Wildcats: 0-0**  
OHSAA Division I, Region 2  
Head Coach: Maurice Douglass  
Record at School: 47-30  
Overall Record: 150-84

## **Media Information**

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## **Broadcast Information**

### **Saint Ignatius Broadcasting Network**

Play-by-Play: Danny Gibel '22  
Color Analyst: Andrew Gus '22  
Analyst/Show Host: Drew Pieschalski '23  
Student Photographer: Anthony McFarlin '23  
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# ABOUT THE WILDCATS ...

## Wildcats Storylines ...

**BATTLE OF THE WILDCATS:** Saint Ignatius will take on the Springfield Wildcats for the first time in program history. Springfield comes out of Region 2 in Division 1 and lost in the State Semifinal in 2020 to St. Xavier. Both schools share the same mascot of a Wildcat and both have primary colors of blue and gold. This will be a playoff-like match-up right from the jump.

**QB 1:** Joey Pfaff enters 2021 as a returning starter from the 2020 season. After rotating at quarterback early in 2020, Pfaff has emerged as the signal-caller for Coach Chuck Kyle's offense. Pfaff can get it done with his arm and his legs and has improved mightily reading defenses. The Canton McKinley scrimmage highlighted Pfaff's ability to escape the pocket under pressure on a 3 & 14 and convert for a first down on the rush. After a shortened season under center last season, the senior looks to flourish with a ten-game regular season schedule.

**MACK PACK:** The stable returns Marty Lenehan from last season. Lenehan was terrific on the ground for the offense totaling 636 yards on 113 carries, punching the rock in for a touchdown seven times in his junior season. Lenehan has gotten even stronger over the off-season, and it takes more than one defender to get him down to the turf. Other rotational backs will include senior Joey Georges and sophomore Sean Martin. Luke Baker '17 enters his first season as the running backs coach as the alumnus is excited to see what his group can do in 2021.

**MEN UP FRONT:** The Wildcats bring back two returning starters on the offensive line. Senior Ashton Montgomery and senior Brian Keane will anchor the Wildcats as left and right tackles this year. Looking at the guards, senior Joe Ryland and junior Dominic Ference will lock down the left and right guard spots. Junior Pat Lavelle will be the center for the Wildcats offense for 2021. William Witalis will be a key reserve for the Wildcats and can play any position on the line.

**TRENCH WAR:** The Saint Ignatius defensive line plays with high intensity for 48 minutes. Leading the way on the line is Peter Chalhoub, who can play a little bit of end and nose for the Wildcats 3-4 defense. In 2020, Chalhoub earned 13.5 tackles, five of them being for a loss, 2.5 sacks and a forced safety as a rotational lineman. Thomas Wasinski will be a crucial piece for the Wildcats line as the 5'10" 255 lbs nose tackle cut 20 lbs in the off-season into lean muscle. Eugene Gibbons, Ryan Boomer and Will Robinson will see a significant amount of time on the defensive line.

**AERNI'S QUARTET:** The Wildcats have a significant amount of talent coming out of the linebacker position. At middle backer will be Christopher Aerni. Aerni last season was a rotational backer that earned a starting role late in the season. Aerni accumulated 10.5 tackles, with 3.5 of them being for a loss. Aerni has great recognition of offensive schemes and will be a leader for the linebacker core. Surrounding him will be senior Gavin Berger, senior Blase Mastrianni and junior Max Palinski. The linebacking core looks to have a big season for the Wildcat defense.

**NO FLY ZONE:** A strength for the Wildcat defense this season will be the secondary. At the free safety position, senior Griffin Taliak will be the satellite for the Saint Ignatius defense. Taliak last season earned a starting role as a junior, totaling 30.5 tackles, 2 for a loss and two pass break-ups. Braeden Lair will be the strong safety for the Wildcats. Both Lair and Taliak are members of the Saint Ignatius Lacrosse program and look to be nightmares for an opponent's passing game. The main staple for corners will be Joe Norris, Jack Mangan and Franklin Pike, with rotational help from Edwin Abiakl.

**SPECIALIST:** Zeb Eldridge is the definition of a world-class kicker. He is ranked in the top 50 of high school punters and kickers for his talent in the special teams game. Eldridge averages about 45-50 yards a punt and Coach Kyle will use that to his advantage when playing the field position game in 2021.

**OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN:** The captains for the 2021 season are #22 Marty Lenehan, #34 Christopher Aerni, #95 Peter Chalhoub and #99 Thomas Wasinski.



# ABOUT SPRINGFIELD ...

## Learning about the Wildcats ...

**THE SMOOT FILE:** Te'Sean Smoot comes into 2021 after a remarkable junior season, leading the Wildcats to the OHSAA Division I semifinal. Smoot threw for 2,269 yards a season ago, completing nearly 60% of his passes. Smoot threw an impressive 24 touchdowns in the 2020 season, including a career-high of five touchdown throws against Beavercreek in a 76-0 rout. Smoot is a dual-threat and can hurt you with his speed, as last season, he totaled 603 yards on 122 attempts, scoring nine touchdowns. He rushed over the century mark in two post-season games against Huber Heights Wayne and St. Xavier.

**AIR RAID:** Smoot's favorite target appears to be junior Anthony Brown. Brown, as a sophomore, gained 1,000+ all-purpose yards for the Wildcats. Brown averaged just about 113 yards per game and led the Greater Western Ohio Conference in receiving in 2020. Brown is also a threat for the big play on special teams, returning kick-offs and punts for Springfield. Springfield's number two option will be Shawn Thigpen, who is listed at 6'4" 170 lbs coming into this season. Last season Thigpen racked up 265 yards on 19 receptions and three touchdowns and has been given offers to play at the next level from Kentucky and Toledo.

**CHAMPIONSHIP CHASING:** The Wildcats were close to competing for a State Championship last season, losing a tight battle in the semifinal to the eventual champions St. Xavier Bombers. Springfield has played in the State Semifinal game in the previous two seasons. Coming into this season, Springfield has its eyes set on another deep run in the OHSAA playoffs. The Wildcats offensive line has massive depth, give Smoot exponential time in the pocket and giving receivers times to find holes in a defense. Springfield can hurt a team with just one play with their explosive offense.

**DEFENSIVE FIREPOWER:** Last season St. Xavier was a juggernaut on offense, winning the State Championship 44-3. Despite the loss in the semifinal round, the Wildcats held the Bombers to just 12 points, proving Springfield's powerhouse on defense. Seniors Vasean Washington, Tayden Harper and ZyAaron Woodruff are the main staples of the Wildcats defense that return in 2021. Joe Abston and Sean Ivey will bolster the defensive unit returning to play after sitting out last season due to the pandemic. Linebacker Jaivian Norman also returns for the Wildcats as he led the team in tackles a season ago with 77 as a sophomore. Senior Delian Bradley became a star last season in his free safety position as he totaled 66 tackles and six interceptions. Bradley has received more than 20 Division I scholarship offers heading into 2021.

## 2021 Springfield Schedule

Aug. 20	vs. Saint Ignatius
Aug. 27	@ Fairfield
Sept. 3	@ Trotwood-Madison
Sept. 10	@ Huber Heights Wayne
Sept. 17	vs. Beavercreek
Sept. 24	@ Kettering Fairmont
Oct. 1	@ Springboro
Oct. 8	vs. Centerville
Oct. 15	@ Miamisburg
Oct. 22	vs. Clayton Northmont

## 2020 Results

Aug. 28	Huber Heights Wayne W, 21-14
Sept. 4	Centerville W, 31-24 OT
Sept. 11	Kettering Fairmont W, 27-21
Sept. 18	Clayton Northmont L, 35-38 OT
Sept. 25	Springboro W, 41-0
Oct. 2	Beavercreek W, 76-0
<b>Oct. 9</b>	<b>Toledo Whitmer W, 27-17</b>
<b>Oct. 16</b>	<b>Huber Heights Wayne W, 31-19</b>
<b>Oct. 23</b>	<b>Clayton Northmont Cancelled</b>
<b>Oct. 30</b>	<b>Olentangy Liberty W, 19-0</b>
<b>Nov. 6</b>	<b>Cincinnati St. Xavier L, 10-12</b>





# BY THE NUMBERS/ WILDCATS TO WATCH

## 2,162

Total yards for the Saint Ignatius offense last season

## 1

This will be the first time the Wildcats play a regular season game on August 20.

## 31-6

Coach Chuck Kyle's record in Week 1

## 8

Returning starters on the defense (Chalhoub, Wasinski, Berger, Aerni, Norris, Lair, Taliak, Mangan)

## 5

Returning starters on the offense (Pfaff, Lenehan, Bodamer, Keane, Montgomery)

## QB JOEY PFAFF '22



Joey Pfaff rotated in the quarterback position in his junior season before winning the starter role late in the 2020 season. Joey led the Wildcats to two playoff victories last season against Solon and Euclid.

Pfaff a season ago completed 58% of his passes, throwing for 894 yards and six touchdowns in the shortened season. With a full schedule ahead of him, Pfaff looks to have a big season for the Blue and Gold.

The Pfaff name may sound familiar to the Wildcat faithful as his dad, Eric '81, was a hard hitting linebacker for the Wildcats in the early 80s. Eric is in the Saint Ignatius Athletic Hall of Fame.

## DL PETER CHALHOUB '22



Peter Chalhoub will be the leader and catalyst of the defensive line in 2021. Chalhoub, a captain, is looking for a breakout year in his final season wearing the blue and gold. Chalhoub took a lot of experience away from playing alongside Bennett Adler '21 a season ago.

Chalhoub received his first opportunity late in the 2020 season and he shined, accumulating 13.5 tackles, with five of them being for a loss, 2.5 sacks and a forced safety. This will be Chalhoub's third season on varsity and the 6'2 250 lbs defensive end will look to be a nightmare for an opponent's offensive line.





# SAINT IGNATIUS VARSITY ROSTER

#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Position	#	Name	Yr.	Ht.	Wt.	Position
2	Steven Favazzo	Jr.	5'11"	180	RB/S	59	Edmund Soeder	Jr.	6'2"	210	LB
3	Matthew Ruddy	Jr.	6'0"	160	S	60	Dominic Ference	Jr.	6'2"	275	OL
4	Joey Georges	Sr.	5'9"	171	RB/S	61	Patrick Lavelle	Jr.	6'0"	270	OL/DL
5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175	K/P	63	Timothy Lanzo	Jr.	5'10"	245	OL/DL
6	John Mangan	Sr.	6'1"	170	DB	64	Mitchell Hyland	Jr.	6'3"	264	OL
6	Alexander Shuran	So.	5'10"	163	LS	66	Angelo Camargo	Jr.	6'0"	265	OL
7	Edward Musbach	Sr.	6'2"	185	WR	67	Ryan Boomer	Sr.	5'10"	240	DL
7	Ryan Putka	Jr.	5'8"	155	K	74	Brian Keane	Sr.	6'5"	300	OL
8	Brandon Webster	Jr.	6'0"	175	WR/DB	75	William Witalis	Sr.	6'3"	260	OL
9	Griffin Taliak	Sr.	6'0"	175	S	76	Ashton Montgomery	Sr.	6'3"	285	OL
10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168	S	77	Michael Thompson	Jr.	6'3"	248	OL
11	Steven Bodamer	Sr.	6'1"	185	WR	78	Colin Farrell	Jr.	6'5"	225	OL
12	Pierce Spencer	Jr.	5'11"	195	QB	79	James Raynor	So.	6'6"	290	OL
13	Ryan Kennedy	Jr.	6'1"	182	WR	80	Sean Ward	Sr.	6'5"	230	TE
14	Anthony Moissis	Jr.	6'2"	210	QB/TE	81	Patrick Tompkins	Sr.	6'3"	190	WR
15	Scott Broski	Sr.	6'1"	150	WR	82	Max Muresan	Sr.	6'1"	160	WR
16	Charlie Dunstan	Jr.	5'9"	145	WR	83	Cole Frabotta	Jr.	6'3"	170	WR
17	Joey Pfaff	Sr.	6'5"	190	QB	84	Damon Frabotta	Sr.	6'2"	185	WR
18	Joshua Papesh	So.	6'2"	174	QB	85	Christopher Reali	Jr.	5'11"	170	WR
19	Colin Vollmer	Sr.	6'5"	195	WR	86	Hunter Moriarity	Jr.	6'4"	210	TE
20	Michael Norman	Jr.	5'8"	165	RB	87	Will Robinson	Jr.	6'5"	240	TE/DL
21	Brady Haddad	Jr.	5'11"	160	WR	88	AJ Spellacy	So.	6'2"	180	WR/DB
22	Max Hartley	Sr.	5'8"	150	DB	89	Jonathan Merimee	So.	6'4"	180	WR
22	Marty Lenehan	Sr.	5'11"	190	RB	91	Joseph Kause	Sr.	6'0"	230	DL
23	Connor Gisztl	Sr.	5'6"	138	DB	95	Peter Chalhoub	Sr.	6'2"	250	DL
24	Franklin Pike	Sr.	6'1"	175	DB	97	Eugene Gibbons	Jr.	6'4"	240	DL
25	Sean Martin	So.	6'1"	165	LB/RB	99	Thomas Wasinski	Sr.	5'10"	255	DL/RB
27	John Leszcz	Jr.	5'10"	185	S						
28	Connor Betters	Jr.	5'11"	165	DB		Jacob Cook	Sr.		Manager	
29	Brendan Hunt	Sr.	6'0"	175	S		Matthew O'Neill	Jr.		Manager	
30	Joe Norris	Sr.	6'1"	180	DB		Jarell Young	Jr.		Manager	
31	Nathan Polinko	Sr.	5'9"	170	DB		Blake Herman	So.		Manager	
32	John Regan	Sr.	5'10"	140	DB		Charlie Sizemore	So.		Manager	
33	Christian Cupp	Jr.	6'0"	175	S		Andy Stamp	Fr.		Manager	
34	Christopher Aerni	Sr.	5'11"	210	LB		Matt Mawby	Fr.		Manager	
35	Max Palinski	Jr.	6'1"	205	LB						
37	Finn Mcconville	Sr.	6'1"	180	DB						
38	Owen Musbach	Jr.	6'0"	170	WR						
39	Gavin Berger	Sr.	6'1"	205	LB/LS						
40	William Curtis	Jr.	6'0"	170	DB						
41	Charlie Breen	Sr.	5'11"	155	DB						
42	Patrick Martin	Jr.	5'11"	220	LB						
43	Shane Morrison	Jr.	6'0"	162	DB						
44	Ian Zaletel	Jr.	5'11"	160	RB						
45	Blase Mastrianni	Sr.	6'0"	210	LB						
46	Braeden Lair	Sr.	6'1"	200	DB						
47	Kevin Krebs	Jr.	5'10"	175	S						
48	Ryan O'Donnell	Jr.	5'11"	180	LB						
49	Charles O'Brien	Jr.	5'10"	170	DB						
50	John Schmitt	Jr.	5'8"	178	LB						
51	William Persiani	Sr.	5'10"	250	OL						
54	Jack Sizemore	Jr.	5'6"	187	OL						
57	Joe Ryland	Sr.	6'3"	285	OL						

  

	<b>Coaches:</b>	
Chuck Kyle '69	Head Coach	
Ryan Franzinger '02	Defensive Coordinator/LB	
Rodney Gallaway	Wide Receivers Coach	
Luke Baker '17	Running Backs Coach	
Paul Yappel	Offensive Line Coach	
Tom Narducci	Offensive Line Coach	
Dave Cicetti	Defensive Line Coach	
Mark Sullivan	Defensive Line Coach	
Kevin Johnson '10	Defensive Backs Coach	
John Pieschalski '89	Defensive Backs Coach	
Anthony Rubino	Strength and Conditioning Coach	
AJ Short '09	Strength and Conditioning Coach	
Mo Sizemore	Head Athletic Trainer	
Evan Schlanser	Assistant Athletic Trainer	
Tim Malik '99	Equipment Manager	



# SPRINGFIELD ROSTER

## Varsity Football

No.	Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.	No.	Name	Class	Ht.	Wt.
1	Tyron Barnes	JR	5'11"	170	59	Gamar Talley	JR	6'1"	275
2	Micha' Johnson	SR	6'	169	60	Xzavyier Mines	SO	5'9"	218
3	Christian McMillan	SR	5'11"	174	61	Kaleb Ward	SO	6'	228
4	Daylen Bradley	JR	5'9"	145	63	Landon Johnson	JR	5'10"	260
5	Aaron Scott	SO	6'1"	160	64	Andrew Hardin	JR	6'	268
6	Shawn Thigpen	JR	6'4"	170	65	Christopher Howe	SO	6'1"	220
7	Anthony Brown	JR	5'10"	169	66	Jaeshaun Ferryman	FR	6'4"	259
8	Te'Sean Smoot	SR	6'	180	70	Corey Stratton	SR	6'4"	267
9	Teryon Holt	JR	6'2"	182	71	Parker Sothard	SO	6'2"	245
10	Dominic Turner	SR	5'11"	167	72	David Wening	SO	6'1"	211
12	Tawfiq Jabbar	JR	6'	185	73	Tyran Freeman	SO	6'1"	245
13	William Calhoun	SO	6'2"	172	74	Jerome Howe	FR	6'2"	244
14	Tyaire Dearmond	JR	5'11"	170	77	William Abston	SR	6'5"	322
15	Jackson Heims	FR	6'1"	190	79	Jayden Williams	SO	5'9"	270
16	Deveon Williams	SO	5'10"	159	80	Jaylan Paris	JR	5'11"	160
17	Mike Peterson	SR	6'	173	84	Mar'kel Wade	SO	6'	211
19	Edward Muhammad	SR	6'4"	171	87	Tobias Craycraft	JR	6'1"	210
20	Fate Smith	SR	6'	180	90	Zy'Aire Fletcher	FR	6'4"	211
21	Jayvin Norman	SO	5'10"	168	95	Monty Joyce	SO	6'3"	212
22	Kevin Fair	SO	5'10"	165	99	Pierson Baker	SO	5'11"	237
23	Camdyn Bowshier	SR	6'	200					
24	Duncan Bradley	SO	5'9"	144					
25	Devin Stamper	SR	6"	180					
26	Melvin Belle	JR	6'	180					
27	Jayden McKinster	JR	5'11"	186					
28	Jaivian Norman	JR	5'10"	180					
29	Cole Yost	SR	5'11"	165					
30	Roger Brown	SO	5'8"	140					
31	Brian Hinshaw	SO	5'10"	150					
32	Ramon Browder	JR	6"	209					
33	Daquon Mills	JR	5'11"	195					
34	Nidey Laborde	SR	5'9"	160					
36	Delian Bradley	SR	6'	180					
38	Bryce Sherrock	SO	5'11"	195					
39	Kevin Wade	SR	5'9"	155					
41	Jordan Beverly	SR	6'	204					
42	Bryce Washington	SO	5'10"	160					
44	Christian Kern-Dubois	SO	5'11"	190					
45	Dave Oreus	JR	6'	160					
50	Vasean Washington	SR	6'5"	280					
52	ZyAaron Woodruff	SR	6'4"	267					
53	Braydon Tayloe	FR	6'1"	215					
54	Kraeton Muenchau	SR	6'3"	250					
55	Tayden Harper	SR	6'1"	250					
56	Tywan January	SR	5'11"	280					
57	Jokell Brown	SR	6"	280					
58	Sean Ivory	JR	5'11"	270					

### Coaches / Administration

	Head Coach	Maurice Douglass				Superintendent	Dr. Bob Hill
	Assistant Coaches	DC Conley Smoot, OC Chris Wallace, STC Jeff Smith, A				Principal	Patrick Smith
						Athletic Director	Mike Dellapina
							Assistant Athletic Director
	Manager						



# SAINT IGNATIUS DEPTH CHART

*\* Depth chart subject to change on gameday*

## OFFENSE

QB	17	Joey Pfaff	Sr.	6'5"	190
	12	Pierce Spencer	Jr.	5'11"	195
RB	22	Marty Lenehan	Sr.	5'11"	190
	4	Joey Georges	Sr.	5'9"	171
	25	Sean Martin	So.	6'1"	165
TE	80	Sean Ward	Sr.	6'5"	230
	87	Will Robinson	Jr.	6'5"	240
WR	11	Steven Bodamer	Sr.	6'1"	185
	82	Max Muresan	Sr.	6'1"	160
	88	AJ Spellacy	So.	6'2"	180
WR	81	Patrick Tompkins	Sr.	6'3"	190
	7	Edward Musbach	Sr.	6'2"	185
WR	19	Colin Vollmer	Sr.	6'5"	195
	84	Damon Frabotta	Sr.	6'2"	185
	13	Ryan Kennedy	Jr.	6'1"	182
LT	76	Ashton Montgomery	Sr.	6'3"	285
	64	Mitchell Hyland	Jr.	6'3"	264
LG	57	Joe Ryland	Sr.	6'3"	285
	75	William Witalis	Sr.	6'3"	260
C	61	Patrick Lavelle	Jr.	6'0"	270
	74	Brian Keane	Sr.	6'5"	300
RG	60	Dominic Ference	Jr.	6'2"	275
	51	William Persiani	Sr.	5'10"	250
RT	74	Brian Keane	Sr.	6'5"	300
	75	William Witalis	Sr.	6'3"	260

## DEFENSE

DE	95	Peter Chalhoub	Sr.	6'2"	250
	97	Eugene Gibbons	Jr.	6'4"	240
NT	67	Ryan Boomer	Sr.	5'10"	240
	95	Peter Chalhoub	Sr.	6'2"	250
DE	87	Will Robinson	Jr.	6'5"	240
	91	Joseph Kause	Sr.	6'0"	230
OLB	39	Gavin Berger	Sr.	6'1"	205
	45	Blase Mastrianni	Sr.	6'0"	210
MLB	34	Chris Aerni	Sr.	5'11"	210
	42	Patrick Martin	Jr.	5'11"	220
OLB	35	Max Palinski	Jr.	6'1"	205
	45	Blase Mastrianni	Sr.	6'0"	210
CB	30	Joe Norris	Sr.	6'1"	180
	24	Frankin Pike	Sr.	6'1"	175
SS	46	Braeden Lair	Sr.	6'1"	200
	10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168
SS	9	Griffin Taliak	Sr.	6'0"	175
	30	Joe Norris	Sr.	6'1"	180
FS	10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168
	46	Braeden Lair	Sr.	6'1"	200
CB	6	Jack Mangan	Sr.	6'1"	170
	24	Frankin Pike	Sr.	6'1"	175

## SPECIAL TEAMS

KO	5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175
FG	5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175
PAT	5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175
P	5	Zeb Eldridge	Sr.	6'2"	175
H	17	Joey Pfaff	Sr.	6'5"	190
LS	6	Alexander Shuran	So.	5'10"	163
	39	Gavin Berger	Sr.	6'1"	205
PR	16	Charlie Dunstan	Jr.	5'9"	145
	10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168
KR	16	Charlie Dunstan	Jr.	5'9"	145
	10	Edwin Abiakl	Sr.	5'10"	168

## PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

#4 Joey GEORGES	#39 Gavin BURGER
#5 Zeb ELLE-dridge	#45 BLAZE Mas-TREE-on-ee
#6 Jack Man-GAN	#46 BRAY-den LAIR
#6 Alexander Sure-Ran	#51 Will Per-sh-on-EE
#7 Edward MUS-BAHK	#60 Dom-en-ic FAIR-ence
#9 Griffin TAHL-ee-ack	#61 Patrick LA-V-el
#10 Edwin AH-bee-ah-kul	#74 Brian CANE
#11 Steven Bod-ah-MER	#75 William Wi-TALL-is
#17 Joey FAFF	#81 Patrick TOMP-kinz
#16 Charlie DONE-stan	#82 Max MUR-ah-sin
#19 Colin VOL-mer	#84 Dam-on Fra-BOT-ah
#22 Marty LEN-uh-han	#88 AJ SPELL-a-Ce
#34 Chris EARN-ee	#91 Joseph COW-see
#35 Max PAH-lin-skee	#95 Peter Cha-LUBE





# TOP 25 / HISTORY / SPRINGFIELD

## Cleveland.com Top 25

1. St. Edward (0-0)
2. Archbishop Hoban (0-0)
3. Medina (0-0)
4. Mentor (0-0)
5. Stow (0-0)
- 6. Saint Ignatius (0-0)**
7. Walsh Jesuit (0-0)
8. Hudson (0-0)
9. Aurora (0-0)
10. Avon (0-0)
11. Chardon (0-0)
12. Brunswick (0-0)
13. St. Vincent-St. Mary (0-0)
14. Strongsville (0-0)
15. Kirtland (0-0)
16. Cleveland Heights (0-0)
17. Solon (0-0)
18. Olmsted Falls (0-0)
19. Glenville (0-0)
20. Benedictine (0-0)
21. Berea-Midpark (0-0)
22. Euclid (0-0)
23. Highland (0-0)
24. Holy Name (0-0)
25. Rocky River (0-0)

## This Day in History

Games .....	0
First Game .....	2021
Most Recent Game.....	2021
Saint Ignatius Wins.....	0
Last Saint Ignatius Win.....	N/A
Saint Ignatius Losses.....	0
Last Saint Ignatius Loss.....	N/A
Ties.....	0
Last Tie.....	N/A

## First Ever Game on August 20

## SPRINGFIELD WILDCAT STADIUM at Springfield



**701 East Home Road Springfield, OH**

**Built: 1936**

**Renovated: 2017**

**Playing Surface: Field Turf**

**Seating Capacity: 5,241**

**Record at Springfield Stadium: 0-0**

Originally the Wildcats played at Evans Stadium for their home football games. In 2020, there was significant water damage in the press box of the stadium. The Wildcats began playing their games at their high school in 2020 and currently play at Springfield High School.

Evans Stadium was named after St Dr. Charles Wesley Evans who practiced in Springfield for 64 years. He served on the school board for 16 years and is reported to have delivered 4500 babies. For the 2021 Season, the Wildcats will play host at their high school in a stadium that has a stadium capacity of 5,241.

The Springfield faithful enjoyed a memorable 2020 season, watching their Wildcats make it to the OHSAA State Semifinal in Division I. Springfield would fall 12-10 against the eventual Division I champion St. Xavier Bombers. Now, the Wildcats have their eye on a State Championship.

*Photo from Ohio Stadiums*





# GAME PREVIEW

## A BATTLE OF THE WILDCATS

After a shortened regular season in 2020 due to the pandemic, the 2021 Saint Ignatius Wildcats are ready for an entire ten-game season.

2020 without question, was a challenging year for all. Program-wise, the season began on a delay as the Wildcats did not take the field for their first game until September 12 and only played four regular-season games. The Wildcats did have success in the post-season, making a nice run until ultimately falling to the Medina Bees in the Regional Semifinal by the score of 33-26.

The Wildcats come into 2021 reloaded and ready to make some noise in the region after a regular off-season with camps and double sessions; the Cats are hungry to begin as it will be a battle of the Wildcats to kick off the season.

### SAINT IGNATIUS OFFENSE VS. SPRINGFIELD DEFENSE

Springfield comes into the 2021 regular season ranked number four in the state after another semifinal appearance in the OHSA Division I Playoffs. Head Football Coach Chuck Kyle '69 understands that the Wildcat offense will be the key for success against Springfield when the season kicks off on August 20.

"The offense has to help the defense," explains Kyle. "We have to have good drives and get points on the board and not worry about the scoreboard."

Although cut short due to mother nature, the Wildcats offense established the ground game out of the gates. Marty Lenehan will be a focal point in the early stages vs. Springfield.

Springfield is disciplined on defense as they limit the big play by an opponent's offense. Springfield will be in man coverage most of the game but will occasionally switch into a zone during a game. "They live and die being in man coverage," says Kyle. "Their defensive line is excellent, which I think will be a great challenge for our offensive line."

Springfield brings back their hard-hitting defense consisting of seniors Vasean Washington, Tayden Harper, and ZyAaron Woodruff, which will be the main staples of the defense. Joe Abston and Sean Ivey will add depth on the defensive unit returning to play after sitting out last season due to the pandemic. Linebacker Jaivian Norman also returns for Springfield as he led the team in tackles a season ago with 77 as a sophomore. Senior Delian Bradley has received more than 20 Division I scholarship offers heading into his senior season.

"We have to do our part offensively," explains Kyle. "This is a team that can hurt you with just one play."

### SAINT IGNATIUS DEFENSE VS. SPRINGFIELD OFFENSE

The defense for the Wildcats returns eight starters from the 2020 season.

The secondary appears to be the most vital facet of the Wildcat defense, returning players such as Braeden Lair, Griffin Taliak, Joe Norris and Jack Mangan. Norris can play in the safety slot and cornerback position, so the secondary is flexible to rotate defensive backs and safeties. The Wildcats secondary must be ready to shut down the air attack of three-year starting quarterback Te'Sean Smoot.

Junior Anthony Brown is Springfield's number one target coming into 2021. Brown went over 1,000+ all-purpose yards last season on his way to lead all of the Greater Western Ohio Conference. The number two option for Springfield is just as dangerous in Shawn Thigpen. Thigpen had a productive summer on the field, receiving offers from the Division I level from Toledo and Kentucky. Thigpen and Brown give any defenses trouble and open the field up for their QB, Smoot.

Smoot is a dual-threat quarterback that can read any coverage well while making intelligent decisions with the football. In his junior year, Smoot threw 24 touchdowns, guiding Springfield to another semifinal game. This season Smoot has one goal in mind, win a State Championship. The Wildcat defense must be ready to limit Smoot.

"They have an explosive offense," says Kyle. "If they are sitting on the sidelines, they are not so explosive, so we have to get their offense off the field early."

The Wildcats will need to make Springfield work hard for their points and limit the big plays on the road.

"They'll make some plays," Kyle says. "Let's not give them that one play touchdown drive; make them earn it."

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Coach Kyle has made it a common practice that the importance of the special teams game can give you a significant advantage. Zeb Eldridge will be the man on call for kicks and punts for the Wildcats. Eldridge is ranked in the top 50 for punts and kicks and will be an excellent piece for coach Kyle's unit.

"Their kicking game is good, but I'm hoping ours is better," says Kyle. "I think we can have long kick-offs, punts and field goals which will be a plus in our category."

This is a heavyweight fight and it's the Battle of the Wildcats; the 2021 high school football season has finally arrived.



# 2020 TEAM STATS

Team Statistics	I	OPP
SCORING	182	173
Points Per Game	26.0	24.7
Points Off Turnovers	31	46
FIRST DOWNS	114	124
Rushing	43	48
Passing	58	66
Penalty	13	10
RUSHING YARDAGE	892	691
Yards gained rushing	1036	946
Yards lost rushing	144	255
Rushing Attempts	231	232
Average Per Rush	3.9	3.0
Average Per Game	127.4	98.7
TDs Rushing	11	7
PASSING YARDAGE	1270	1727
Comp-Att-Int	98-169-9	115-209-9
Average Per Pass	7.5	8.3
Average Per Catch	13.0	15.0
Average Per Game	181.4	246.7
TDs Passing	9	14
TOTAL OFFENSE	2162	2418
Total Plays	400	441
Average Per Play	5.4	5.5
Average Per Game	308.9	345.4
KICK RETURNS: #-Yards	23-398	11-333
PUNT RETURNS: #-Yards	16-106	6-31
INT RETURNS: #-Yards	9-215	9-11
KICK RETURN AVERAGE	17.3	30.3
PUNT RETURN AVERAGE	6.6	5.2
INT RETURN AVERAGE	23.9	1.2
FUMBLES-LOST	12-8	5-3
PENALTIES-Yards	40-447	44-367
Average Per Game	63.9	52.4
PUNTS-Yards	19-679	32-1011
Average Per Punt	35.7	31.6
Net punt average	34.1	28.3
KICKOFFS-Yards	39-2297	35-1625
Average Per Kick	58.9	46.4
Net kick average	37.0	32.2
TIME OF POSSESSION/Game	23:02	24:58
3RD-DOWN Conversions	35/81	35/94
3rd-Down Pct	43%	37%
4TH-DOWN Conversions	3/9	6/12
4th-Down Pct	33%	50%
SACKS BY-Yards	20-136	9-57
MISC YARDS	0	0
TOUCHDOWNS SCORED	23	22
FIELD GOALS-ATTEMPTS	7-12	6-8
ON-SIDE KICKS	0-0	1-1
RED-ZONE SCORES	(18-25) 72%	(16-22) 73%
RED-ZONE TOUCHDOWNS	(14-25) 56%	(11-22) 50%
PAT-ATTEMPTS	(21-22) 95%	(17-17) 100%
ATTENDANCE	0	0
Games/Avg Per Game	4/0	3/0
Neutral Site Games		0/0

Score by Quarters	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
St. Ignace	57	54	31	40	0	182
Opponents	31	67	18	57	0	173





# 2020 RESULTS / OFFENSE

Date	Opponent	Score	Att.
Sep 12, 2020	BISHOP SYCAMORE	W 33-6	0
Sep 19, 2020	ST. EDWARD	L 0-17	0
Sep 25, 2020	at Massillon	L 14-21	0
Oct 3, 2020	at St Xavier	L 37-62	0
Oct 09, 2020	OLON	W 42-14	0
Oct 16, 2020	at EUCLID	W 30-20	0
Oct 23, 2020	MEDINA	L 26-33	0

  

Rushing	gp	att	gain	loss	net	avg	td	lg	avg/g
LENEHAN	7	113	658	22	636	5.6	7	44	90.9
SIMCAK	2	27	116	8	108	4.0	2	33	54.0
WALDRON	6	34	108	13	95	2.8	0	16	15.8
PFAFF	6	26	89	60	29	1.1	2	15	4.8
FRENCH	5	18	46	25	21	1.2	0	14	4.2
SANTAGATA	5	7	19	4	15	2.1	0	9	3.0
Total	7	231	1036	144	892	3.9	11	44	127.4
Opponents	7	232	946	255	691	3.0	7	96	98.7

  

Passing	gp	effic	comp-att-int	pct	yds	td	lg	avg/g
PFAFF	6	133.54	64-110-6	58.2	894	6	79	149.0
FRENCH	5	117.77	34-59-3	57.6	376	3	33	75.2
Total	7	128.04	98-169-9	58.0	1270	9	79	181.4
Opponents	7	137.93	115-209-9	55.0	1727	14	80	246.7

  

Receiving	gp	no.	yds	avg	td	lg	avg/g
DUNSTAN	6	21	252	12.0	0	45	42.0
LAMIRAND	6	20	186	9.3	1	22	31.0
BECKER	6	15	205	13.7	2	62	34.2
LASPINA	4	14	220	15.7	3	33	55.0
BODAMER	4	8	142	17.8	1	48	35.5
LENEHAN	7	6	68	11.3	0	24	9.7
WARD	3	4	25	6.2	0	11	8.3
WALDRON	6	3	5	1.7	0	4	0.8
WIEHN	1	2	35	17.5	0	21	35.0
HANNA	5	1	79	79.0	1	79	15.8
MCNEIL	2	1	23	23.0	1	23	11.5
TOMPKINS	1	1	16	16.0	0	16	16.0
SIMCAK	2	1	8	8.0	0	8	4.0
KOTEK	1	1	6	6.0	0	6	6.0
Total	7	98	1270	13.0	9	79	181.4
Opponents	7	115	1727	15.0	14	80	246.7

  

Field Goals	fg	pct.	01-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-99	lg	blk
MANGAN	7-12	58.3	0-1	3-5	0-0	2-4	2-2	52	0

  

Scoring	td	fg	kick	rush	rcv	pass	dxp	saf	pts
LENEHAN	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42
MANGAN	-	7-12	21-22	-	-	-	-	-	42
LASPINA	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
PFAFF	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
HANNA	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
BECKER	2	-	-	0-1	-	-	-	-	12
SIMCAK	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12
MCNEIL	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
SNYDER	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
BODAMER	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
LAMIRAND	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
SMITH	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
CHALHOUB	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	
Total	23	7-12	21-22	0-1	-	-	-	1	182
Opponents	22	6-8	17-17	-	1	1-4	-	2	173

  

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Record:	Overall	Home	Away	Neutral
All games	3-4	2-2	1-2	0-0
Conference	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Non-Conference	3-4	2-2	1-2	0-0

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Interceptions	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
SNYDER	3	67	22.3	1	47
SMITH	3	64	21.3	1	31
HANNA	2	80	40.0	1	80
HUBBARD	1	4	4.0	0	4

Punting	no.	yds	avg	lg	tb	fc	i20	50+	blk
MANGAN	19	679	35.7	47	0	5	4	0	0

Punt Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
LENEHAN	14	103	7.4	0	47
DUNSTAN	2	3	1.5	0	3
Total	16	106	6.6	0	47
Opponents	6	31	5.2	0	12

Kick Returns	no.	yds	avg	td	lg
WALDRON	10	145	14.5	0	35
LASPINA	7	199	28.4	0	89
SANTAGATA	3	47	15.7	0	26
BODAMER	1	4	4.0	0	4
NORRIS	1	3	3.0	0	3
DUNSTAN	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	23	398	17.3	0	89
Opponents	11	333	30.3	0	75

All Purpose	g	rush	rcv	pr	kr	ir	total	avg/g
LENEHAN	7	636	68	103	0	0	807	115.3
LASPINA	4	0	220	0	199	0	419	104.8
DUNSTAN	6	0	252	3	0	0	255	42.5
WALDRON	6	95	5	0	145	0	245	40.8
BECKER	6	0	205	0	0	0	205	34.2
Total	7	892	1270	106	398	215	2881	411.6
Opponents	7	691	1727	31	333	11	2793	399.0

Total Offense	g	plays	rush	pass	total	avg/g
PFAFF	6	136	29	894	923	153.8
LENEHAN	7	113	636	0	636	90.9
FRENCH	5	77	21	376	397	79.4
SIMCAK	2	27	108	0	108	54.0
WALDRON	6	34	95	0	95	15.8
Total	7	400	892	1270	2162	308.9



# 2020 DEFENSIVE STATS

## 2020 Saint Ignatius Varsity Football St. Ignatius Overall Defensive Statistics (as of Oct 25, 2020) All games

#	Defensive Leaders	gp	Tackles				Sacks		Pass defense			Fumbles		blkd	
			ua	a	tot	tfl/yds	no-yds		int-yds	brup	qbh	rcv-yds	ff	kick	saf
45	HUBBARD	7	34	5	36.5	7.5-30	2.5-17		1-4	.	.	2-0	.	.	.
18	TALIAK	7	28	5	30.5	2.0-12	.		.	2	.	.	.	.	.
19	HANNA	5	24	6	27.0	1.5-9	.		2-80	2	.	.	.	.	.
48	CONWAY	6	20	11	25.5	3.5-9	1.0-2		.	2	.	.	.	.	.
63	ADLER, B	6	21	5	23.5	11.0-59	5.5-37		.	1	.	.	1	.	.
49	SMITH	6	17	2	18.0	1.0-9	1.0-9		3-64	6	.	.	.	.	.
46	LAIR	7	16	2	17.0	2.0-2	.		.	2	.	.	.	.	.
21	SNYDER	6	17	.	17.0	.	.		3-67	6	.	.	.	.	.
61	WASINSKI	7	13	6	16.0	1.5-22	1.5-22		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
53	BERGER	6	13	3	14.5	1.5-3	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	CHIME	5	12	3	13.5	3.0-3	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
62	CHALHOUB	7	11	5	13.5	5.0-20	2.5-15		.	.	.	.	.	.	1
91	LASPINA, L	6	9	6	12.0	5.0-17	3.0-16		.	1	.	.	.	.	.
44	AERNI	4	10	1	10.5	3.5-6	0.5-1		.	.	.	.	.	1	.
37	VELOTTA	3	9	3	10.5	4.5-19	1.5-10		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15	COOK	3	9	.	9.0	.	.		.	.	.	1-0	.	.	.
24	CAMPOLIETI	4	6	1	6.5	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
TM	TEAM	5	3	.	3.0	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
59	LENHARD	2	2	.	2.0	1.0-7	1.0-7		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
12	LASPINA	4	2	.	2.0	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30	NORRIS	2	1	1	1.5	0.5-2	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	WEBSTER	2	1	1	1.5	.	.		.	1	.	.	.	.	.
96	SUHAK	1	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
94	KRAUSE	1	1	.	1.0	1.0-1	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35	PALINSKI	1	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
33	MANGAN, J	1	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
20	SANTAGATA	5	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16	DUNSTAN	6	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
75	WITALIS	1	1	.	1.0	.	.		.	.	.	.	.	.	.
Total		7	285	66	318.0	55-230	20-136		9-215	23	.	3-0	1	1	1
Opponents		7	307	24	319.0	38-114	9-57		9-11	13	.	8-33	3	.	2



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